



Lord Salisbury, one of the last of the great statesmen of the past generation, died at London on August 22 after an illness of about a month's duration. Lord Salisbury was born in 1830 and has been intimately connected with the political life of England for many years. His political activity may be seen from the following posts he has held: Secretary of state for India, 1874 to 1878; secretary of state for foreign affairs, 1878 to 1880; special ambassador at conference on eastern affairs at Constantinople, 1876 to 1877; second plenipotentiary for Great Britain at congress of Berlin, 1878; prime minister and secretary of state for foreign affairs, 1885-6; prime minister and first lord of the treasury, 1886-7; prime minister and secretary of state of foreign affairs, 1887-1892; prime minister and lord of the privy seal and secretary of state for foreign affairs, 1895-1900; prime minister and lord of the privy seal, 1900-2.

It was announced from New York on August 22 that the American District Telephone company of that city has contracted with the Western Union Telegraph company for its messenger service throughout the United States and Canada. The new company is under the direction of George J. Gould.

In the yacht race off Sandy Hook, N. Y., on August 22, the American boat, Reliance, defeated the Shamrock III. over a thirty-mile course. The first race run on Thursday, August 20, was declared off and so the one of August 22 is to be regarded as the first of the series of five to be run for the honor of the cup.

The armored cruiser Philadelphia was launched on August 22 from the yards of the William Cramp company, the launching being witnessed by one of the largest assemblages that has ever gathered at these yards. The new cruiser was christened by Miss Cora L. Quay, daughter of United States Senator Quay.

The widely discussed Humbert trial in Paris came to an end on August 22, when all the Humberts were found guilty, the principal conspirators being sentenced to five years' imprisonment and a fine of 100 francs.

Menotti Garibaldi, the eldest son of the Italian patriot, died in Rome on August 22 and his funeral was held at the expense of the state, all the military and civic authorities attending.

It was announced from St. Petersburg on August 23 that the Russian ships that were recently ordered to Turkish waters to support Russia's demands on the sultan growing out of the assassinator of the Russian consul at Monastir, have been recalled in consequence of the sultan giving complete compliance to all of Russia's demands.

On August 25 bids were opened at the bureau of insular affairs in Washington for the sale of \$3,000,000 of Philippine certificates of indebtedness, the sale being for the purpose of supplying and maintaining the gold reserve under the Philippine currency legislation.

News was received at Fort Crook, Neb., on August 24 that the Seventh, Twenty-second and Twentieth regiments of infantry are to go to the

Philippines to relieve troops now stationed there. The Twenty-second regiment is stationed at present at Fort Crook.

A new world's record in the sporting world was made on August 24 at Readville, Mass., when the trotting horse, Lou Dillon, trotted a mile in two minutes.

Articles of incorporation for the Pan-American Railroad company, with a capital stock placed at \$250,000,000 were filed with the secretary of the territory at Guthrie, O. T., on August 24. The purpose of the company is to build a road from Hudson Bay to Buenos Ayres and Rio de Janeiro, an estimated length of 10,000 miles.

The waiters and cooks' strike in Chicago of some time ago was referred to an arbitration board which made its decision unfavorable to the strikers and in consequence they were again called out on August 24. It is believed that at least 150 restaurants in the business portion of the city will be effected.

Thirty or more passengers were injured by a peculiar collision at the junction of two railroad lines near Bloomington, Ill., on August 24, when a stock car became detached from the engine and crashed into a passenger coach.

The democratic state convention of Nebraska met at Columbus on August 25 and placed in nomination for judge of the supreme court John J. Sullivan, who is the present incumbent of that office. This nomination was indorsed by the populists of the state, in convention on the same day at Grand Island, Neb., and in turn the democratic convention indorsed the populist choice of William O. Jones of Adams county and Dr. E. O. Weber of Saunders county, as regents of the state university. The platform adopted by the democrats reaffirmed the last national platform of the democratic party, and dealt with local conditions.

The second race for the American cup took place on August 25 between the Reliance and the Shamrock III. and as in the first race resulted in a victory for the American yacht, the Reliance, the Shamrock being defeated by one minute and nineteen seconds.

It was definitely announced from Oyster Bay, L. I., on August 25 that under date of August 19 Secretary of War Root had presented his resignation formally to the president, and the resignation was accepted with the understanding that Mr. Root shall continue in office until January 1 at least. Governor General William H. Taft of the Philippines will then succeed Mr. Root, and General Luke E. Wright will be appointed as Mr. Taft's successor in the Philippines.

The national convention of the National Fraternal congress met at Milwaukee, Wis., on August 25 with several hundred delegates attending. One hundred and sixty-six societies with nearly twenty millions of members were represented.

The board of conciliation met at New York on August 25 for the purpose of deciding five important questions in the arbitration proceedings of the anthracite coal strike board. It is stated that if the conciliation board

fail to agree on these questions the work of the coal strike commission will go for naught.

A disastrous fire took place at Budapest, Austria-Hungary, on August 24 in a four-story building in which were at the time about 200 working people. It is feared that of this number about 120 perished.

One of the heaviest rainfalls on record visited the eastern part of Nebraska and the western section of Iowa on August 26, almost seven inches of rainfall being reported from the city of Omaha, Neb., for the three days ending Wednesday, August 26. Throughout the agricultural regions some damage was done to the corn crops.

On August 26 the people of Naples, Italy, and vicinity witnessed a remarkable spectacle when Mount Vesuvius broke into violent eruption. One thousand feet below the central cone of Vesuvius the side of the mountain opened and a stream of lava ran down the side of the mountain, the stream being in some places fifteen feet wide. The mountain also threw up redhot stones into the air for a distance of seven hundred feet.

The annual convention of the American Bar association opened at Hot Springs, Va., on August 26 with about 200 lawyers in attendance. All the states except Nevada were represented.

Because of the increased American interests on the Pacific coast, it has been decided at Washington to establish the Southern Pacific station and to maintain a cruiser squadron there of from three to four protected cruisers. The field of operations of this new squadron will be south of the isthmus.

The first important event of the week in the Macedonian disturbance was the report on August 22 of the annihilation of the insurgent garrisons of three Bulgarian villages, it being announced that hundreds of the

natives had perished. This was followed on the 24th of August by the reports of awful atrocities committed by the Turks in the disturbed regions. Twenty-two villages were burned after the inhabitants had been massacred. It appears that the Turks have obtained the upper hand in the region about Monastir and that the insurgents will therefore transfer the center of their activity close to the Bulgarian frontier. The city of Krushevo, containing about 2,000 houses and 10,000 inhabitants, is now a heap of ruins, being almost entirely destroyed by the Turkish soldiers. It was announced from Sofia on August 26 that at an immense mass meeting the Macedonians held there on that day it was resolved that a memorandum should be presented to the representatives of the powers, asking the powers to take action in the bloody embroglio. A list has been issued of seventy villages that have been pillaged and destroyed in the valley of Monastir, and it was declared that if the atrocities continue another fortnight there will be no Macedonians left to save.

In the third of the races between the Shamrock III. and the Reliance on August 27, the wind was so light that the race was declared off as was the case in the first contest on August 20. Although officially it was no race, the Reliance's victory was decisive over the Shamrock, which trailed along two miles after the American vessel.

The east-bound daily express train from Budapest to Constantinople was blown up near Bulali Burgas, about twenty-five miles south of Adrianople, on August 27, seven persons were killed and fifteen injured. Dynamite bombs were used and every car of the train was smashed. It is believed that the outrage was the work of revolutionists.

On August 27 the state department at Washington received a cablegram from Minister Leischman at Constantinople announcing that William C. Magelssen, United States vice consul at Beirut, Syria, had been assassinated on August 26. The American minister

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